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the Case-Based Recognition of HEp-2 Cells

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 2 and 6-10 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation filed concurrently.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 through !9 of the concurrently filed literal translation are cancelled.
Please add the attached new claims 20 to 46 to the specification.